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RE: the Coal Hollow Mine, Alton, Utah-
Permit Number C0250005

Is it REALLY necessary to rape this scenic, wild corner
of Utah by siting a coal mine there?

No. It is not.

We would be much better served by our Government
producing a comprehensive nationwide energy policy that
emphasizes CONSERVATION and EFFICIENCY rather than PRODUCTION.

All resources are finite. Using them unwisely (as we are
doing now) is doomed to failure.

An energy policy with teeth (read: mandatory energy efficiency
targets, NOT voluntary ones) would, through energy savings,
make the electricity produced by burning the coal at Alton, and
other power generated at coal-fired generating plants yet to come
completely unnecessary.

And from what I have been told, there's no guarantee
that the coal mined from the site would even be used to produce
electricity in the region. It could be exported to places as far
away as China.

Should that turn out to be the case, all we will get for our trouble
is a big, ugly mine smack-dab in the middle of some of the most
beautiful scenery in the United States. Not to mention the potential
to contaminate the Kanab Creek watershed, and the hundreds of coal haul
trucks tearing up US 89 on their way north and west.

Make the sane choice. Deny the application. Southern Utah deserves
no less.

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